[Mr. R. Krishna Pillai.]

changing the kist months as suggested was referred to the several Peishkars for their views. Their replies have not come in yet. The matter will be considered and disposed of on receipt of their reports.

Irrigational Facilities and Sastankottah Fresh Water Lake.

10. MR. N. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*):

(*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state at what stage the preliminary investigation ordered by them regarding the feasibility of utilising the water of the Sastankottah fresh water lake for irrigational purposes now stands?

(*b*) Has the Public Works Department sent its report in the matter?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) The preliminary investigation has been completed.

(*b*) A preliminary report has been received from the Chief Engineer from which it is seen that the scheme is not promising. Before making, however, a final report to Government, Mr. Natesa Aiyar considers it desirable to have the levels verified carefully and this has been arranged for.

Means of Communication in the Karunagapalli Taluk.

11. MR. N. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*):

(*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state what they have done to improve the means of communication in the Karunagapalli taluk in pursuance of their reply to the representations made on the subject by the member representing that taluk at the eighteenth session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly?

(*b*) Will they be pleased to see that the following public ways are also converted into cartable roads at an early date:

(i) from Ayiramtengu to Tamarakkulam *via* Ochira;

(ii) from Vallikkavu to Todiyil;

(iii) from Krishnapuram due west to the shore of the Kayankulam backwater; and

(iv) from Kannetti due west to the backwater?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Government are doing everything possible to improve the means of communication in the Karunagapalli taluk. The main road system in the taluk has to be completed first and Government are at it now. A provision of Rs. 19,000 has been made in the P. W. D. budget for 1099 on account of communications in the taluk (*vide* items 192 to 196). The improvement of the main road from Karunagapalli to Kamankulangara has been practically completed and that of the road

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